

In the evening, at the International Monetary Fund building, the President met with G-20 finance ministers and central bank governors.

### **October 13**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, on the North Portico, the President and Mrs. Bush greeted Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy. Later, in the East Room, they and Prime Minister Berlusconi viewed entertainment.

### **October 14**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, and President Nicolas Sarkozy of France to discuss the global financial markets situation. Then, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with the President's Working Group on Financial Markets.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a bill signing ceremony for S. 3001, the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009. Later, he traveled to Arlington, VA, where, at the Pentagon, he participated in Defense Department briefings.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia to the White House on October 22.

### **October 15**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a meeting with Vice President Dick Cheney, who updated him on his heart condition and his upcoming hospital visit. Later, he traveled to Grand Rapids, MI, arriving in the afternoon. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada to congratulate him on his October 14 election victory and discuss the global financial markets situation.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Cindy

Leep. He then traveled to Ada, MI, where, at Schnitz Ada Grill, he had lunch with local business leaders. Later, at a private residence, he attended a Congressional Trust 2008 reception. He then returned to Washington, DC.

### **October 16**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the State Department, he attended several briefings and met with State Department employees.

### **October 17**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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## **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

### **Released October 13**

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1532, H.R. 5350, H.R. 5618, H.R. 6199, H.R. 6229, H.R. 6338, H.R. 6849, H.R. 6874, S. 431, S. 1738, S. 3296, S. 3325, S. 3477, S. 3536, S. 3569, S. 3598, and S. 3605

Fact sheet: Protecting American Innovation

### **Released October 14**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 3550

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1594, H.R. 2786, H.R. 6098, H.R. 7178, S. 906, S. 1276, and S. 2304

### ***Released October 15***

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1714, H.R. 4544, H.R. 6045, H.R. 6063, H.R. 6073, H.R. 6083, H.R. 6353, H.R. 6469, H.R. 6524, H.R. 7082, H.R. 7177, H.J. Res. 100, and S. 3641

Fact sheet: Success of the Surge Allows Political Improvements in Iraq

### ***Released October 16***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2095, H.R. 6296, H.R. 6531, and H.R. 7084

Fact sheet: Creating New Opportunities for Consumers and Businesses Around the World

### ***Released October 17***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary: Presidential Determination Regarding Brazil Air Bridge Denial (ABD) Program

Fact sheet: Helping Responsible Homeowners Avoid Foreclosure

Fact sheet: Plan To Stabilize Financial System is Limited in Size, Scope, and Duration

Fact sheet: Extending Travel Opportunities to Our Allies

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## **Acts Approved by the President**

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### ***Approved October 13***

H.R. 1532 / Public Law 110–392  
Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Act of 2008

H.R. 5350 / Public Law 110–393  
To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes

H.R. 5618 / Public Law 110–394  
National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008

H.R. 6199 / Public Law 110–395  
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 245 North Main Street in New City, New York, as the “Kenneth Peter Zebrowski Post Office Building”

H.R. 6229 / Public Law 110–396  
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the “Mayor William ‘Bill’ Sandberg Post Office Building”

H.R. 6338 / Public Law 110–397  
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4233 West Hillsboro Boulevard in Coconut Creek, Florida, as the “Army SPC Daniel Agami Post Office Building”

H.R. 6849 / Public Law 110–398  
To amend the commodity provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to permit producers to aggregate base acres and reconstitute farms to avoid the prohibition on receiving direct payments, counter-